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SUBJECT: LETTER TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 15, 1978 IN WHICH YOU EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING VARIOUS ARTICLES IN THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT (ICNT) WHICH RAISE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

2. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, I HAVE DECIDED THAT OUR DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO IMPROVE PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT DEALING WITH PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND MARINE LIFE. I HAVE CREATED ON THE DELEGATION AN ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR BERNARD OXMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF OUR DELEGATION, TO REVIEW THE ICNT AND ALL PROPOSALS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THOSE SET FORTH IN YOUR LETTER.

3. IN ADDITION TO AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE DELEGATION, I HAVE SOUGHT THE PARTICIPATION OF INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS. MR. LEON BILLINGS, SENATOR MUSKIE'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, HAS JOINED US IN GENEVA AND IS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE TASK FORCE.

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4. WE ARE ALSO SYSTEMATICALLY UNDERTAKING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, PRINCIPALLY THOSE LIKELY TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR APPROACH. WHILE ANY CHANGES IN THE ICNT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH AT THIS LATE STAGE IN THE CONFERENCE, I AM NONETHELESS HOPEFUL THAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. MR. OXMAN WILL REPORT TO ME BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK
THE RESULTS OF THE TASK FORCE DELIBERATIONS AND THE CON-
SULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. I SHALL ENDEAVOR,
THROUGH DELEGATION REPORTING CABLES, TO KEEP YOU INFORMED
OF OUR EFFORTS AND THEIR RESULTS. WITH BEST PERSONAL
REGARDS. SINCERELY, RICHARDSON

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